

# OLDEST, YOUNGEST, LARGEST, SMALLEST IN 1997...

Oldest Bride: 88 years
Oldest Groom: 95 years
Oldest Mother: 55 years
Oldest Father: 96 years
Oldest Male Decedent: 108 years
Youngest Bride: 12 years
Youngest Groom: 15 years
Youngest Mother: 11 years
Youngest Father: 12 years
Highest Birth Order: 21

Oldest Female Decedent: 118 years Largest Live Birth: 6180 grams (13 lbs. 10 oz.)

# **EACH DAY IN LOUISIANA IN 1997...**

181 Live Births
33 to teens aged 15 through 19
79 to unmarried mothers

18 low weight births

46 cesarean sections

109 Deaths
32 from heart disease

25 from cancer

5 from unintentional injuries 2 from motor vehicle injuries

2 from homicide

1 Fetal Death 2 Infant Deaths 32 Induced Abortions

109 Marriages

# LOUISIANA AND THE UNITED STATES IN 1997...

Vital Event	Louisiana	United States
Live Births	LOUISIAIIA	States
	15.2	14.5
Birth Rate per 1,000 population		52.3
Teen Birth Rate per 1,000 women aged 15 through 19 Percent of total births to Unmarried Women		32.3 32.4%
Percent of total births to offinamed women  Percent of total births with 1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester Entry into Prenatal Care	43.8% 81.3%	32.4% 82.5%
Percent of total births that were Low Weight (<2500 grams or 5lbs. 8oz.)	10.2%	7.5%
Percent of total births delivered by Cesarean method	25.4%	20.8%
Fetal Deaths	25.470	20.076
Fetal Mortality Rate (20+ weeks gestation)	7.5	6.8
Deaths	7.5	0.0
Age-Adjusted Death Rate per 100,000 1940 Standard Population for:		
Heart Disease	153.2	130.5
Cancer	146.3	125.6
Stroke	38.9	25.9
Accidents	30.0	30.1
Diabetes	24.3	13.5
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	19.8	21.1
Pneumonia and Influenza	16.9	12.9
Homicide	12.2	8.0
HIV Infection	9.0	5.8
Nephritis	7.2	4.4
Infant Mortality	- <del></del>	
Infant Mortality Rate	9.5	7.2

## **SUMMARY OF VITAL EVENTS IN 1997**

#### 1997 POPULATION SUMMARY

- State population: 4,351,769
  - Louisiana has the 22<sup>nd</sup> largest population among the fifty states. After a loss in population during the late 1980s, the number of people living in Louisiana has risen to levels seen in the early 1980s.
- Percent of population in race group: 66.3% white, 32.1% black, 1.6% other race. The national breakdown by race is 82.7% white, 12.7% black, and 4.6% other race.

# 1997 LIVE BIRTH SUMMARY

- Number of births: 65,947
  - This is an increase of 1.2% from the 65,186 births in 1996. This number is far below the 1982 high of 84,531 births.
- Birth Rate: 15.2 live births per 1,000 population

This is the third lowest state birth rate in this half century. The 1995 and 1996 rates of 14.7 and 15.0 were slightly lower.

• Fertility Rate: 65.6 live births per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years

The fertility rate has dropped 18.2% since the 1981 rate of 80.2, and 8.4% since the 1991 rate of 71.6.

Number of births to teens aged 15-19 years: 11,931

This is almost identical to the 11,934 births to teens aged 15-19 that occurred in 1996.

Birth Rate in teens aged 15-19 years: 66.1 live births per 1,000 women aged 15-19

Although there is virtually no change from the 1996 rate of 66.6, the birth rate for 15-19 year olds has fallen substantially during the 1990s, with a drop of 12.9% from the 1991 rate of 75.9.

• Percent of births to unmarried women: 43.8% of total live births

This is a slight increase from the 1996 figure of 43.4%. The number of 1997 out-of-wedlock births is 14.4% higher than its 1991 level of 38.3% of total live births.

Percent of live births receiving prenatal care in the first trimester: 81.3% of total live births

The percent of live births receiving prenatal care in the first trimester has risen steadily during the 1990s, up 8.4% from its 1991 level of 75.0% of total live births.

• Percent of live births less than 2500 grams: 10.2% of total live births

In recent years, Louisiana has seen a steady rise in the percent of low weight births, up from 9.4% of total births in 1992, 9.6% in 1994, and 9.9% in 1996.

Percent of live births delivered by cesarean section: 25.4% of total live births

Final 1997 data collected by the National Center for Health Statistics report that Louisiana had the second highest rate of cesarean deliveries in the country.

# 1997 SPONTANEOUS FETAL DEATH SUMMARY (20+ weeks gestation or 350+ grams)

# Number of fetal deaths: 509

This is a decrease from 1996's 547 fetal deaths. It continues the gradual decline that began after a 1988 high of 624 fetal deaths.

• Fetal Mortality Rate: 7.7 fetal deaths per 1,000 live births plus fetal deaths.

The fetal mortality has seen little change during the 1990s.

#### 1997 INDUCED TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY SUMMARY

Number of induced terminations performed in Louisiana: 11,739

This is a decrease of 145 from the 11,884 terminations performed in the state in 1996.

# 1997 DEATH SUMMARY

Number of deaths: 39,917

This figure is slightly higher than the 1996 death count of 39,511, and it continues the slow, steady increase in the number of deaths in the state over the past two decades. (There were 34,512 deaths in 1976 and 36,287 deaths in 1986.)

Crude Death Rate: 917.3 deaths per 100,000 population

For the past five years, the crude death rate has remained stable, at approximately 900 deaths per 100,000 population.

Ten Leading Causes of Death - - Crude and Age-Adjusted Death Rates

The ten leading causes of death and their associated rates are:

Cause of Death	Crude Rate per 100,000 Population	Age-Adjusted Rate per 100,000 1940 Standard Population
Heart Disease	272.1	153.2
Cancer	214.6	146.3
Stroke	58.0	30.0
Accidents	43.5	38.9
Diabetes	38.7	24.3
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	33.8	19.8
Pneumonia and Influenza	25.4	12.2
Homicide	16.1	16.9
Nephritis	13.4	7.2
Septicemia	13.2	7.0

#### 1997 INFANT MORTALITY SUMMARY

## Number of infant deaths: 629

Although the past 20 years has seen a steady overall decrease in the number of infant deaths (in 1980 there were 1175 infant deaths, and in 1990 there were 796), in 1997 there were 43 more deaths than the 586 that occurred in 1996.

# Infant Mortality Rate: 9.5 infant deaths per 1,000 live births

The 1997 infant mortality rate was higher than the 1996 rate of 9.0. During the 1980s, there was a steady decline in the state's infant mortality, from 14.3 in 1980 to 11.5 in 1989. In the 1990s this rate of decline has slowed.

# 1997 MATERNAL MORTALITY SUMMARY

# Number of Maternal Deaths: 4

During the 1990s, the number of maternal deaths each year has fluctuated between 2 and 14. Since 1990, there have been 58 maternal deaths.

# 1997 MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE SUMMARY

# Number of Marriages: 39,662

This is a decrease of 559 marriages from the 40,221 marriages that occurred in 1996. During the 1990s, the number of marriages each year has fluctuated around 40,000.

# Number of Covenant Marriages between August 14, 1997 and December 31, 1997: 147

This is the first year in which Louisiana residents have been given a choice between a traditional marriage and a covenant marriage. This choice became available to Louisiana residents on August 14, 1997.

# • Number of Divorces (reported by 46 out of 64 parishes): 13,836

Because divorce reports are submitted by approximately 75% of the 64 parishes in Louisiana each year, divorce counts are underreported.